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TAGS: ETRD GATT EEC IT

SUBJECT: GOI ASSESSMENT OF TOKYO GATT MINISTERIAL

1. SUMMARY. MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE REP FRANCESCO SIMEONE, WHO WAS MEMBER ITALIAN DELEGATION, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOI VERY SATISFIED WITH TOKYO GATT MINISTERIAL BUT BELIEVES "REAL ISSUES" NOT YET RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING SIMEONE, GOI VERY SATISFIED WITH TOKYO MINISTERIAL,
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ESPECIALLY RELATIVE EASE WITH WHICH HIGH LEVEL US-FRENCH CONTACTS

RESOLVED LANGUAGE PROBLEMS IN PARA 7 OF DECLARATION (TRADE-MONETARY LINK). THE DECLARATION, HOWEVER, IS ONLY A FACADE; THERE ARE NUMEROUS UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH CAN ONLY BE TACKLED WHEN SERIOUS SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. GOI DOES NOT EXPECT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO START BEFORE US OBTAINS NECESSARY NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY.

3. WHILE OFFICIAL GOI POSITION IS ONE OF ASSURANCE THAT US CONGRESS WILL ENACT A SUITABLE TRADE BILL WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO PRESIDENT, SIMEONE SAID UNOFFICIALLY THERE IS CONCERN WITHIN GOI THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WILL PROVIDE FOR TOO LIMITED NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY.

4. SIMEONE REMARKED THAT GOI HOPES MTN WILL RESULT IN MODIFICATION OF CAP SO THAT IMPORTED FEEDGRAINS CAN BE AVAILABLE AT LOWER PRICES. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE IS VERY STRONG SUPPORTER OF HIGH PRICE LEVELS AND DOUBTED THAT GOI WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE DIRECT FRONTAL ATTACK WITHIN EC ON THIS ISSUE. GOI ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN SAFEGUARDS ISSUES

5. SIMEONE EMPHASIZED THAT TARIFF HARMONIZATION WILL BE MAJOR EC OBJECTIVE DURING MTN.

6. ITALIAN ECONOMIC WEEKLY QTE VITA UNQTE, IN REVIEWING MTN AFTER TOKYO MINISTERIAL, COMMENTED THAT NOTHING SERIOUS WILL HAPPEN BEFORE THE END OF 1974 BECAUSE THE US STILL LACKS NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION IS STILL TOO UNSETTLED. VOLPE

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